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SUBJECT: SUBJECT MATTER FOR EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS' MEETING,  
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1. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL REPORTS THAT REF MEETING  
WILL CONSIDER, INTER ALIA, EURO/ARAB DIALOGUE AND  
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ARAB/ISRAELI CONFLICT.

2. EURO/ARAB.) DIRECTORS WILL HEAR REPORT FROM REPRESENTATIVE OF IRISH PRESIDENCY, AMB. KENNAN, WHO IS CARRYING OUT SOUNDINGS IN CAIRO. KENNAN WILL HAVE TALKED TO, AMONG OTHERS, MAHMOUD RIAD OF THE ARAB LEAGUE AND THE LEBANESE AMBASSADOR IN CAIRO WHO IS THE LEAGUE'S CURRENT CHAIRMAN. SOURCE BELIEVES THAT LITTLE REAL PROGRESS IS LIKELY AT THIS POINT, GIVEN THE INTRANSIGENCE ON BOTH SIDES, BUT THAT SOME SUCH FORMULATION AS "DE-NATIONALIZED STUDY GROUPS", DISCUSSED BETWEEN FAHMY AND SAUVAGNARGUES (REFTTEL), MIGHT BE TRIED AS A TRANSITORY SOLUTION. SOURCE SEES NO INDICATION THAT LEAGUE MEMBERS WILL ABANDON THEIR STAND ON PLO IN THE DIALOGUE.

3. GOI WILL "PLAY IT BY EAR" IN ARAB/ISRAELI REVIEW, WITHOUT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEW OR AMENDED EC POLICY. GOI, HOWEVER, IS SERIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT PRESSURES ON SADAT. ITALIANS CONSIDER IT QUITE POSSIBLE THAT SADAT, "HAVING EXERCISED THE AMERICAN OPTION AND FOUND IT NOT WORKING", MAY HAVE TO PLAY THE RUSSIAN GAME "WITH ALL THAT THAT ENTAILS". SOURCE ALSO COMMENTED THAT BRUITED ISRAELI PROPOSAL FOR LONG-TERM FREEZE FOLLOWING A FURTHER WITHDRAWAL FROM SINAI IS INCONCEIVABLE. WHATEVER SADAT'S OWN DISPOSITION, HE COULD NOT STAND THE IMPACT OF SUCH DISASSOCIATION FROM THE REST OF THE ARAB WORLD. HE WOULD FIND HIMSELF UNDER FIRE NOT ONLY FROM THE ARAB RADICALS BUT ALSO FROM FEISAL, WHOSE OWN LINE ON A SOLUTION IS FIRMER THAN SADAT'S. SADAT MIGHT BE ABLE TO STICK HIS FINGER IN QADHAFI'S EYE BUT NOT FEISAL'S CONCURRENTLY. VOLPE

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